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Here lack of definite terminology often obscures the writer's meaning. For example, it is asserted that human engineering has to do with a three-fold set of activities: "production, engineering, industrial engineering and social engineering."

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WILLOUGHBY, W. F. *The Government of Modern States.* Pp. xiv, 455. Price, \$3.00. New York: The Century Company, 1919.

Professor Willoughby has attempted a book on principles of governments as distinct from the detailed description of the

machinery of government. The book can best be described as an elementary text book dealing with the nature of the state, types of governments, jurisdiction of governments, function of government, and organization of the several branches of government. This book is a distinct improvement over the usual type of text. However, it fails in that it does not give expression to the possibilities of an inviting and interesting discussion of the fundamental principles of political science. The style falls too easily into the prosaic discussion of the school master. The book does not contain any discussion of the economic functions of government nor of the sociological background to the principles and actual processes of government.